

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS		
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron		
Monthly flying-hour contract	117.0	
Hours flown	51.8	
Monthly offset	-65.2	
33rd Rescue Squadron		
Monthly flying-hour contract	223.0	
Hours flown	220.0	
Monthly offset	-3.0	
909th Air Refueling Squadron		
Monthly flying-hour contract	540.0	
Hours flown	471.1	
Monthly offset	-68.9	
44th Fighter Squadron		
Monthly sortie contract	299.0	
Sorties flown	315.0	
Monthly offset	16.0	
67th Fighter Squadron		
Monthly sortie contract	437.0	
Sorties flown	392.0	
Monthly offset	-45.0	
Source:18th MOS/MXOOP, as of Nov. 18		

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WEEKEND WEATHER

**TODAY:** Mostly cloudy  
NE winds @ 10-20 knots  
High: 73 Low: 64

**SATURDAY:** Mostly cloudy  
N winds @ 10-20 knots  
High: 73 Low: 63

**SUNDAY:** Partly cloudy  
N winds @ 10-20 knots  
High: 73 Low: 61

FRIDAY MORNING'S  
COMMUNITY BANK  
EXCHANGE RATES  
BUYING: \$1=¥103 SELLING: ¥108=\$1

# The Art of Dogfighting

## 44th FS pilots duel in Red Flag war games

By Maj. Veronica Kemeny  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Combat is not where you want to learn the art of dogfighting with an enemy.

That's why members of the 44th Fighter Squadron scrimmaged in the skies over Nellis AFB, Nev. for the last two weeks in a simulated air war between two hypothetical countries known as Tulare and Colusa.

During the Vietnam War, if a pilot could survive his first 10 missions, he would most likely survive the war. Red Flag was established back in 1975 to train young pilots how to survive those first 10 combat sorties. The exercise is held about four times a year with an average of 80 to 100 aircraft flying during a typical mission.

Two Kadena 44th FS pilots experienced their first Red Flag.

"Red Flag has been unreal," said Capt. Mike "Finch" Conrad, 44th FS. "It's amazing to see that many fighters on the ramp and employ with them, especially knowing the history of Red Flag. It's an honor to be here."

Capt. Derek "Meat" Mentzer, 44th FS added, "It presents the forum where we may identify integration issues with U.S. assets and also the assets of our allies before real bullets fly. I'm excited and amazed at the scope of the exercise."

More than 120 Kadena maintenance



Air Force/Maj. Malcolm Kemeny

**A 44th Fighter Squadron F-15D prepares to take off for a Red Flag mission on the Nellis ramp. More than 2,400 personnel participated in the exercise – including allies from Australia and the United Kingdom.**

personnel supported the 44th FS aircraft during the squadron's deployment.

"Our maintainers took the mission personally, and they made it happen each and every day on the flightline," said Lt. Col. John "Birdman" Bird, 44th FS commander. "Our aircraft maintenance unit absolutely watered our eyes on this deployment. There was a real focus on the success of our operation and the success of our team."

Red Flag provided a rewarding

experience – even for the most seasoned veterans like Colonel Bird.

"I took over the squadron about a year ago, so this (Red) Flag was personal," he said. "And it was a true test of our combat capability. I think it's every fighter pilot's dream to take his squadron to Red Flag and have his [Eagle] drivers perform as well as they have."

The exercise also gave Kadena pilots a chance to fly with various military assets.

"Most of our training at home station is conducted in a sanitary environment involving only air-to-air participants with lots of simulation for all the other players and threats," said Colonel Bird. "Here, all the pieces come together, from tankers to AWACS, strikers to dissimilar adversaries, coalition players to electronic warfare and ground threats."

"I won't forget the first time I got launched on by a SAM (surface-to-air missile) while targeting air-to-air [aircraft]," said Capt. Conrad. "That was a decision and a reaction I've never had to make before, and it seemed no matter what I did from one, I would die from the other."

"I killed several bandits too, it was glorious," Captain Conrad said. "This is a great experience for any pilot that you can't get, short of going to war. Red Flag is definitely a lot of work and preparation, but the experience has been priceless."

"It's the best practice we have in peacetime to prepare for the real thing," said Colonel Bird. "Our pilots get to see how airpower evolves from mission planning to execution, and they gain a better understanding of where we fit in as air superiority assets."

The 44th FS returned home Nov. 8-9 after temporary duty assignments at both Nellis and Tyndall AFB, Fla. for the past five weeks.

### Kadena's command chief named



Camac

Compiled from  
staff reports

Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, announced Wednesday that Chief Master Sgt. Clinton Camac will soon assume the role of Kadena's command chief master sergeant replacing Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Bishop who departed in October.

Chief Camac is currently the command chief master sergeant at the 99th Air Base Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.

He is responsible for issues affecting more than 2,600 enlisted Airmen. At Kadena, the 24-year Air Force veteran will engage with nearly 6,000 enlisted Airmen.

The chief is scheduled to arrive here by Feb. 2005. Chief Master Sergeant Kenneth Gordon will continue to serve as the interim command chief until he arrives.

## Base honors fallen hero today

By Maj. Brett Nelson  
320th Special Tactics Squadron commander

This morning, Kadena officials renamed the Professional Development Center in honor of Master Sgt. William L. McDaniel II.

Sergeant McDaniel was a pararescuer and flight NCO-in-charge assigned to the 320th Special Tactics Squadron. He and nine others died in a tragic Army MH-47 helicopter crash off the coast of the Philippines on Feb. 22, 2002.

Sergeant McDaniel was the pararescue team leader for rescue and recovery operations during the infiltration of 90 Army Special Forces soldiers conducting counter-terrorist operations in the Southern Philippine islands. The task force operations were, and continue to be, a critical part of the Global War on Terror.

For many reasons, the naming of Kadena's PDC in honor of "Bill" McDaniel is fitting and appropriate. Given the vision and mission of the PDC, this dedication exemplifies the ideals Sergeant McDaniel served and ultimately died for.

Sergeant McDaniel was not just any pararescuer. He was a "PJ" who transitioned late in life

(from a successful career as a crew chief) to do things many Airmen find unimaginable. He gave up years of dedicated hard work to pursue a dream involving mental and physical exhaustion.

Sergeant McDaniel would have viewed the PDC - which is devoted to professional development of the enlisted corps through education, motivation, and mentorship - as a perfect venue to accomplish his goals. The First-Term Airman Center, inside the PDC, molds Kadena's newest Airmen in a structured program that incorporates in-processing, ancillary training, understanding of base missions and activities, and develops an appreciation for local culture.

I can not envision a better way of making Airmen valuable contributors to Team Kadena and our nation's defense than through this program—and I'm certain Sergeant McDaniel would agree.

As you visit the McDaniel Professional Development Center, you'll be impressed with the exceptional facility, modern equipment and devoted personnel. But as you gaze upon the new painting of Sergeant McDaniel in the place of honor, remember the man that lived the PJ motto:

"These things we do that others may live."





# Be a wingman

Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas  
18th Wing commander



Next Monday all 18th Wing units will evaluate the foundation of our force—our “Culture of Airmen”—and as a team we will seek avenues to enhance every aspect of that culture.

There are many stressors that affect our team, including the pace of daily operations, financial difficulties, substance abuse, legal problems, occupational problems, and significant social, career or family setbacks.

All Airmen, including supervisors, must use Monday to engage in an honest

dialogue that addresses these issues, and to help find ideas and ways on how to reduce stress levels within our Air Force culture.

Every day is the right day for thinking about how we look after our fellow Airmen—our attention to each other's mental and physical well being should never lapse. But clearly a significant change at a cultural level needs to occur to reverse some disturbing trends.

This is why Team Kadena will conduct Wingman Day on Monday as part of a larger Air Force-wide effort to renew our commitment to taking care of our fellow Airmen.

As a team, we will review the resources available to help us continue our mission accomplishment in the most stress-free

## Activities

- 7 to 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 to 9 a.m. - Commander's presentation to officers and Top 3 at the Keystone Theater
- 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. - Group commander presentations with junior NCOs and Airmen at group location
- noon to 12:45 p.m. - Squadron commander calls at individual squadrons
- 1 to 4 p.m. - Squadron activities and health and information fair at the education center
- 3 to 4 p.m. - Wing flying safety meeting at the Rocker NCO Club
- 4 to 5 p.m. - Wingman Day wrap-up, safety briefing and feedback

manner possible. Among the best ways to reduce stress, and certainly avert a personal crisis, is to have a wingman...and to be a wingman.

With the high operations tempo at Kadena and the support that our team provides to Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, it's easy to focus on the mission and overlook the impact that we can make on one Airman's life.

However, without our great team members the mission can't be achieved. So actively participate in Monday's schedule of activities, and take advantage of all the classes and resources available for you...and your wingman, on Monday and throughout the year.

## Get on Kadena's moving walkway

By Lt. Col. Michael White  
18th Wing Safety commander

Stop the madness! Driving on Kadena, let alone on Okinawa, is turning into Russian Roulette, and we're extremely fortunate we haven't killed anyone yet this year.

Opinions on why we drive this way vary from original sin to too high of an ops tempo. What I'm interested in is possibly preventing a few future driving mishaps by offering observations and techniques that, if considered and used, will help break the mishap chain.

First, we're driving too fast through parking lots—especially the base exchange and commissary lots. Imagine how your life would be ruined if you hit a child who darts out from between the cars. You think blaming the parents for not controlling their children is going to make you feel any better? No way. You hit the kid because you were going too fast in a parking lot. Recommendation: When driving through the parking lot, imagine a kid darting out and drive slowly enough where you're confident you'd be able to stop.

Next, some of you are trying to show off your skills. Let me say that again

and listen to how silly it is. Some Kadena drivers are trying to show off their skills. Whether practicing for NASCAR or trying to “impress” the girls or guys, there are some drivers out there who think if they show off their driving skills, something good will happen. Guess what, 99 percent of the time, when you try to show off, something bad happens. Recommendation: Fulfill your service commitment, and then if you think it's a good idea, get out of the military and attempt to make a living on the NASCAR circuit and/or find a better way to attract the girls.

Next, we're rushing and backing into things, either other cars or fixed objects. I know you don't care about denting your Okinawan car, but it's just bad form. Recommendation: Park where you won't have to back up. If you have to back up, don't back up farther than you have to. What that means is you should back up only as necessary until you are able to move forward. You're a lot less likely to hit something moving forward than looking over your shoulder and/or in your mirrors backing up.

Finally, we're rushing ourselves try-

ing to get from one place to the next on base. I guess some of us think since we're such good drivers, we can make up time by swerving in and out of traffic and speeding to our destinations—all the while brewing road rage at all the “bad drivers” slowing us down. Recommendation: Imagine Kadena's roadways are a system of moving walkways similar to the ones at the airport when you go from one gate to the next. What this means is that it takes a fixed amount of time to go from Point A to Point B, i.e. you'll get there based on how fast the moving walkway is going. When you need to go somewhere, establish yourself a safe distance behind the car in front of you, and you'll get there when you get there. If the moving walkway isn't going fast enough for you, you should have left earlier, period, dot.

Kadena's system of roadways is not the place to practice NASCAR, show off for girls or guys, speed through parking lots, back up carelessly, or try to make up time caused by late departures. Traffic accidents are a big hassle at best, and an unthinkable tragedy at worst—let's do better.

## Don't drink and drive

A Detachment 11, Air Force News Agency technical sergeant was convicted Oct. 15 at a special court-martial after pleading guilty to drunk and reckless driving. The Airman registered a breath-alcohol content of .187 percent, and was driving the wrong way on Douglas Boulevard with his headlights off at 4:45 a.m. Sept. 4. He was sentenced to 90 days confinement and forfeiture of \$5,000 pay over a five-month period. He is currently confined at the Camp Hansen brig.



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## SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff. Sgt. Michael Gomes

733rd Air Mobility Squadron, First-Term Airmen's Center team leader

Hometown: New Bedford, Mass.

Reason for nomination: Sergeant Gomes took charge from day one as FTAC Team Leader. He in-processed, trained and mentored over 60 Airmen in one month, making a positive impact on our newly assigned Airmen and Team Kadena.

Time at Kadena: 2 1/2 years

Editor's note: Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.

**UNDERSECRETARY VISITS KADENA:** U.S. Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Doug Feith visited Kadena and other U.S. installations on Okinawa Tuesday as part of a six-day visit to Hawaii, Japan and Guam. Mr. Feith's overall purpose in Japan, which also included meetings in Tokyo and a visit to MCAS Futenma, was to gain local perspectives from U.S. military commanders on strategic global force posture realignment and to attend bilateral meetings with Japanese officials.

**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE:** Did you know -- The number of alcohol related crashes total more from Thanksgiving to New Year's than all other times of the year combined.

**STEARLEY HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEETING:** There will be a SHES Advisory Council meeting Monday at 2 p.m. in the school's information center.

**FAMILY HOUSING OFFICE CLOSURE:** All military family housing offices and furniture warehouses will close at noon Wednesday for an official function. Chibana's self-help warehouse will reopen Nov. 26 for self-help only from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP:** To conserve energy at the office, turn off computers, printers, monitors and copiers before going home each day and

## Breakin' the ice with the new chiefs



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower

**Col. Richard Zink (right), 18th Wing vice commander, congratulates Kadena's newest chief master sergeant-selects and their families at the Chief's Ice-breaker ceremony held at the Rocker NCO club Nov.10. He shakes hands with Master Sgt. Jennifer Gilder, 18th Mission Support Squadron, wife of chief-select Eddie Gilder, 733rd Air Mobility Squadron first sergeant. Chief-select Phyllis Lopez-Velazquez, 18th Operation Support Squadron, shares a laugh while waiting to be congratulated.**

before the weekend. For computers that must stay on, simply turn off the monitor and printer.

**ENERGY AWARENESS:**The 18th Civil Engineer Squadron will offer energy conservation tips at an Energy Aware-

ness booth at the Class 6 Shoppette Nov. 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT SURVEY EXTENDED:** The anonymous Kadena Community Assessment survey has been extended until Nov. 30 to include

needed feedback from spouses. Spouses can access the survey at [www.kadenasurvey.org](http://www.kadenasurvey.org). Spouses without computer access can visit the Schilling Community Center, Banyan Tree Cyber Cafe, base library or Health and Wellness Center to use a computer. For more information, call 634-5013, or e-mail [kadena.CA@kadena.af.mil](mailto:kadena.CA@kadena.af.mil).

**HANDS ACROSS THE WORLD:** Children of deployed parents are invited to make plaster handprints and receive a complimentary Build-a-Bear teddy bear to send as a gift to their loved one(s). The event will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 4 at Building 403. Make a reservation before Dec. 1 by calling 634-3366.

**AIR FORCE SPOUSE ORIENTATION:** Learn valuable tools for successfully adapting to military lifestyle Dec. 8 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kadena Family Support Center. Child care provided as well as a catered breakfast and lunch. Call 634-3366 to sign up.

**MUNITIONS CUSTODY ACCOUNTS FORECAST:** The deadline for munitions custodians to hand in their five-year forecasts for unit requirements is Dec. 10. Forecasts not submitted will result in a loss of munitions allocations in the next fiscal year. For more information, call 632-5066 or 5309.



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SPOTLIGHTS

The following individuals were selected last month for promotion:

**Master sergeant - Michael Lawrence**, 18th Security Forces Squadron  
**Technical sergeant - Arlene George**, 18th Logistic Readiness Squadron; **Latasha Baldwin**, 18th Medical Operations Squadron; **Ray Savoy**, 390th Intelligence Squadron; **Jennie Altheimer**, 18th Wing; **Brian Hopkins**, 353rd Maintenance Squadron  
**Staff sergeant - Nettie Miller**, 18th Contracting Squadron; **Venessa Mayfield**, 18th SFS; **Monica Timbresa**, 18th Communications Squadron; **Christopher Marsh**, 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Erik Zeiler**, 18th Munitions Squadron; **Michael Pough**, 18th Maintenance Operations Squadron; **Byron Johnson**, 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Nicolas Hodge**, 18th AMXS; **John Thompson**, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron; **Kevin Owen**, 718th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Henry Rodriguez**, 390th IS; **Dustin Hurlbut**, 353rd MXS; **Randall Kinker**, 353rd MXS; **Jennett Spence**, 623rd Air Control Flight.

Congratulations to **Staff Sgt. Ray Bradshaw**, 18th Mission Support Squadron, on his selection to attend Officer's Training School.

The following majors have been selected to attend Intermediate Developmental Education: **Jessica Baker**, 623rd Air Control Flight; **Daniel Duffy**, 33rd Rescue Squadron; **Eric Espino**, 353rd Special Operations Group; **Hamilton Howard**, 44th Fighter Squadron.

## SFS chief awarded Bronze Star

By Senior Airman  
Anna Fitzhorn  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Lawrence K. Savidge, 18th Security Forces Squadron, was awarded the Bronze Star recently for his efforts while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, pinned the medal on the Chief during a ceremony held at the unit's guard mount Nov. 10.

Lt. Col. David Abercrombie, 18th SFS commander, said it was a very proud day for the unit to witness one of their own receiving a medal of such distinction.

"It was a great day for all of us," he said.

Chief Savidge was part of a five-member Air Mobility Assessment Team of the 615th Air Mobility Operations Group, deployed to four locations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from February through May 2003.

His responsibilities as a force protection and security forces expert took Chief Savidge to several Central and Southern Europe bases, where he assessed force protection issues on airfields and conducted security assessments on an airfield usage plan critical to the first contingency C-17 brigade airdrop into Iraq.

"At the beginning of the war, our first tasking was to find an airfield in Europe for the Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade to launch from for their jump into Northern Iraq," said Chief Savidge. "So we went to various airfields in Southern Europe and our job was to make sure the airfields were stage, launch, and secure enough. We did a lot of traveling," he said.

Following the successful brigade insertion, Chief Savidge deployed to a



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chenzira Mallory

**Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, pins the Bronze Star on Chief Master Sgt. Lawrence Savidge, 18th Security Forces Squadron, inside the 18th SFS guard mount Nov. 10.**

location in central Iraq, where he was a force protection advisor and liaison with Army forces, who were in the final stages of standing up a combat landing zone.

"We established the airfield, got it running, and brought in Air Mobility Command teams to load and unload cargo aircraft—a lot of this was to help seize Baghdad," he said.

Despite 130-degree weather and wearing full Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) gear, the chief ensured mission success as C-130s brought in more than 160 tons of critical war supplies and evacuated roughly 80 patients. "We were able to take them out fast," he said.

Once more, the Chief also deployed to Balad, Iraq, to support C-17 airfield assessments used to relieve C-130 operations and provide logistical support to the Army's Fifth Corps.

"We re-deployed into Iraq to assess Balad, and my job was to look at force protection, runways and capabilities at Balad to be able to bring in C-17s," said Chief Savidge.

Overall, Chief Savidge said that it was very rewarding experience to be in the Air Force for more than 20 years and finally be able to do his job in a combat situation.

"We train and do exercises for so long, it's rewarding to be able to apply it," he said.

## Deployed Airmen get PT uniform first



Air Force/Master Sgt. Efrain Gonzalez

**LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — First Lt. Megan Schafer (from left), Staff Sgt. Antwain Wright and Master Sgt. Scott Wagers show off different combinations of the new physical training uniform. The new uniform will be issued to Airmen serving in Southwest Asia first and phased into the rest of the force over the next three years. The new uniform costs about \$125. Enlisted Airmen will be given an increase in their yearly clothing allowance to purchase the uniform, those in basic military training will be issued the gear, and officers will be required to purchase the uniform with their own funds. The uniforms will eventually be available for sale in military clothing sales stores.**

## Uniform board incorporates feedback, alters utility design

By Tech. Sgt.  
David A. Jablonski  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Based on feedback from the six-month wear test, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper decided to expand the current test program to include a pixelated tiger-striped pattern in a new color scheme on the proposed utility uniform.

The expansion does not involve a full test; instead, there will be a limited production to test pattern and color, said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean, the uniform board superintendent.

"The color scheme is only one of many improvements we are testing," Sergeant Dean said.

A small, select group of testers will wear the newest pattern. The solid tiger-striped pattern with its dominant blue overtones is gone.

The latest pixelated test pattern has a more subdued color scheme and is not nearly as distinctive as the one unveiled at the start in August 2003; yet it provides the distinctiveness Airmen have requested, officials said.

"We have sufficient input from Airmen throughout the Air Force to ensure that our uniform decisions are on target with regard to wear, ease of maintenance and fit," Sergeant Dean said. "We kept hearing throughout the test that Airmen loved the wash-and-wear feature and the fit. The design of the uniform will essentially stay the same, with minor modifications based [on] the wear-testers' recommendations."

General Jumper will announce the final decisions regarding the new utility uniform once the test data is analyzed and presented. Determination is expected within the next two months, officials

said.

The new design represents a uniform that could be universally worn in all environments, Sergeant Dean said. The unique fit and design will remain the same, as Air Force officials said they want a distinctive uniform for Airmen that fits better and is easier and less expensive to maintain.

"There really wasn't much that Airmen didn't like about the design of the uniform," she said, basing her comment on the large volume of feedback the board received via e-mail, surveys, focus groups and online questionnaires. "We really did capture what they needed and what they wanted."

"The chief of staff listened to the Airmen," Sergeant Dean said. "We asked what they wanted in a uniform, what they needed in a uniform and, as a result, this is exactly what we're getting."



## The Okinawa Perspective

By Laura Hobbs

18th Wing Public Affairs

The following is a synopsis of articles about Kadena and the U.S. military that appeared in the locally published newspapers recently.

□ Naha City's incumbent mayor, Takeshi Onaga, was re-elected for a second term. The mayor had the support of the Liberal Democratic Party and the Komei Party.

□ Mount Asama, a volcano on mainland Japan, erupted Sunday evening. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency there were no immediate reports of serious injuries or damage due to the mid-sized blast.

□ The U.S. Overseas Basing Commission cancelled its scheduled visit to U.S. bases in Hawaii, Japan, and South Korea due to scheduling conflicts.

□ Representatives of the Okinawa Prefectural Assembly made a visit to Tokyo where they met with Okinawa and Northern Affairs Vice-Minister Shichijo Akira. The purpose of the five member group was to submit a written statement about U.S. military related concerns. The group seeks cancellation of the Army's new urban warfare training site, suspension of Marine CH-53D flight operations, and more stringent prevention of future incidents/accidents.

□ The Okinawa Prefectural Government is asking the Overseas Basing Committee to reduce "Okinawa's burden" from the U.S. military bases on the island. The government wants the OBC to, among other things, reduce the number of U.S. bases on Okinawa, transfer USMC's training to outside Okinawa, reduce the total number of U.S. troops on island, and reduce the noise from U.S. aircraft at Futenma and Kadena.

□ The Special Olympics torch will be coming through two Okinawa locations on its way to Nagano for the 2005 Special Olympics Winter Games in February. The nation-wide run takes place at Ishigaki City Jan. 22 and on Kokusai Street in Naha City on Jan. 30.

□ The Kinoshita Circus will perform at the Naha Shintoshin (near Naha Main Place) starting Dec. 26. Performances will continue through Feb. 28.

## Dig deeper into Okinawan culture at Okinawa World



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower

The five-kilometer long cave (above) is one of the main attractions of Okinawa World in Tomigusuku Village (near Naha). Okinawa World has Okinawan pottery, glassblowing demonstrations (left), Bingata production and Eisa dancing. Admission costs ¥1,200 for adults, ¥600 for children. An open park pass (which includes caves, village and habu park) costs ¥1,600 for adults, ¥800 for children. To get to the park, take Highway 58 south to Naha, then Route 331 south toward Itoman for approximately 35 minutes until passing Itoman, then turn left onto Route 17. The park should be on the right.

"Ask Eiko" is a forum for readers to ask Japanese cultural questions to Kadena's family support center's cultural awareness expert, Eiko Ishikawa. To submit a question, send an e-mail to [ask.eiko@kadena.af.mil](mailto:ask.eiko@kadena.af.mil).

**Q : How does someone propose marriage in Japan?**

**A :** Yui-no is a form of betrothal ceremony, where families of the couple are officially united in marriage. The couple's families meet over food and drinks to exchange and celebrate the official engagement. Although customs are different by region, families introduce family members and exchange gifts. The groom-to-be's family presents as many as nine items representing happiness and fortune. The bride-to-be's family responds by giving something worth about half the value of her gifts.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

In recent years, an increasing number of couples are ignoring this ritual. The groom-to-be

instead gives an engagement ring, while the bride-to-be gives presents in return. Some couples that follow the ceremony, may add an engagement ring in the Yui-no gift.

### Items of the Yui-no

**Naga-Noshi** - A paper used to wrap gifts, it is used to express the sincere wishes of a sender.

**Mokuroku** - It is the list of gifts delivered.

**Money** - Money is exchanged as a ceremonial gift. Typically three times the groom-to-be's monthly salary. The bride-to-be uses this money to buy furniture and appliances necessary for the couple's new beginning.

**Katsuo-bushi** - It is dried bonito, used in making soup stock.

**Surume** - Dried cuttlefish. (Both "Surume" and "Katsuo-bushi" are presented to indicate "quality" to last.)

**Konbu** - Sea-weed tangles

are included for their strong power of breeding, wishing for happy and healthy generations to follow in the family.

**Shiraga** - Hemp. Strong fibers are exchanged to signify ties and cooperation in the married life. "Shiraga" means gray hair, expressing wishes for long life together to the newly married.

**Suehiro** - A fan is always a symbol of happiness, as it expands to the end, suggesting a better and bigger future.

**Yanagi-daru** - This is a wine cask. "Sake" casks used for Yui-no are made of willow trees with tender leaves, which symbolizes obedience and gentleness in the married life.



Courtesy photo

To propose marriage in Japan, the groom-to-be exchanges gifts with the family of the bride-to-be. The Yanagi-daru, or sake cask (left), is one of the gifts presented.



Today

**COMEDY JAM 2:** Get ready for a night of free laughs featuring five national comedy headliners at the Banyan Tree Club starting at 9 p.m. The event is open to all ranks and servicemembers over 20 years of age. Children are not permitted.

**WRITE ON:** Youth center members can write a one-page essay about what they are thankful for in a "Let's Give Thanks" essay contest for children ages six to 12 years. Include name, address, and phone number on the essay and turn it in before Saturday. Winners will be announced Wednesday. Call the Kadena Youth Center at **634-0500**.

**KUMON MATH:** Children ages five to 18 years can learn how to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**THUNDER BOWL:** Enjoy loud music and flashing lights while you bowl from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Emery Lanes. Call **634-2290**.

**KEYSTONE COUNCIL MEETING:** Get involved and voice your ideas and opinions for activities, events, and field trips for the Teen Center by attending this meeting at the Teen Center from 3:30 to 4:30. Open to teens ages 13 to 18.

**AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING:** Children ages nine to 18 can bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes. All 9-year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Call **634-2290**.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Super Snacks from 5 to 7 p.m., Re-mix Fridays-all the best top 40 hits of today and years gone by from 7 p.m. until closing, and Back that Friday up party-all the best from the 80s and 90s.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Super Snacks and Blast from the Past from 5 to 7 p.m. Virus Fridaze from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. and Dancehall Reggae Party.

Saturday

**BOWL FOR A BIRD:** Turkey Shoot tournament at Emery Lanes. All participants will receive a turkey or other prizes. Register at 6 p.m., bowl at 7 p.m. Call **634-2290** for more details.

**PET ADOPTION DAY:** Interact with pets from Karing Kennels awaiting adoption at the Foster PX from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pets can be adopted on the spot or collected at a later date from Karing Kennels.

**IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL TOUR:** Discover the middle of Okinawa. Call ITT at **634-4322**.

**YOUTH CENTER FINE ART EXHIB-IT:** Kadena Youth Programs is giving budding artists an opportunity to showcase their work. Youth ages 5 to 18 years are invited to submit their artwork before Dec. 1 for the December exhibit. For further information, stop by any Youth Programs facility or call **634-0500**.

**TUNNEL RATS TOUR:** Step back in history as we explore WWII caves used by Japanese soldiers in 1945. Call ITT at **634-4322**.

**CARD AND COMIC SHOW:** Free admission to buy, trade or sell comics, cards and other collectables from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Vendor tables are \$5 on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**DANCE INSTRUCTORS WANTED:** Kadena Youth Programs is accepting applications for dance instructors. Call Kadena Youth Center at **634-0500** or the Teen Center Millennium at **634-3866**.

**SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS:** One-hour sessions from 7 a.m. to noon at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**CRAFTER'S HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND HOME-BASED BUSINESS SHOW:** Shop for the island's best crafters and home based businesses from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. The perfect place to find unique, one-of-a-kind holiday gifts. If you are a crafter or home based business and would like to participate, sign-ups

will begin Nov. 1. Call **634-1387**.

**FINE FASHION JEWELRY:** Featuring a line of necklaces, earrings, rings, and more from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

**FRESHWATER PEARLS FROM HONG KONG:** Made to order Freshwater Pearls as well as a selection of pearls in all shapes and sizes, sterling silver, 14K gold, jade and more from Nov. 20 to 24 at the Schilling Community Center.

**TABLETOP WARRIORS CLUB:** Join the Schilling Community Center for great tabletop gaming from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call **634-1387**.

**MACHINE PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS:** From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Top 40 and easy listening in the lounge from 8 p.m. until closing and Super Ladies Night in the ballroom from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. and see who gets crowned SLN Miss November 2004.

Sunday

**\$1000 SUPER SPADES TOURNAMENT:** At the Rocker NCO Club from 5 to 8 p.m.

**KIDS BISQUE THANKSGIVING SPECIAL:** Create a special Thanksgiving plate from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the arts and crafts center. Call **634-1666**.

**YUI MONORAIL AND KOKUSAI STREET TOUR:** Call ITT at **634-4322**.

**ROCKER COLLEGIATE GAME DAY:** Root for your favorite college football team at the Rocker NCO Club starting at 7:30 a.m.

**FAMILY DAY:** Games are reduced price for parents and children who bowl together at Emery Lanes from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. A three game limit may apply.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** All that Jazz from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. followed by open mic from 8 p.m. until closing.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Top 40 Melt-down from 7 to 11 p.m.

Monday

**JAPANESE CONVERSATION:** Adults can make friends with Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and language from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**CREATE A THANKSGIVING CENTERPIECE:** Join us in the Master Minds Room at the Kadena Youth Center from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and bring your imagination.

**CAKE DECORATING:** Learn the techniques for mastering the basics of cake decoration from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**ZSHIMINE CHILDREN HOME:** Volunteer and join the Youth and Teen Center every Monday at 5:30 p.m. to interact with Japanese youth. Activities may include playing games, arts and crafts, singing songs and simple English lessons.

**CAKE DECORATING:** Cake decorating for beginners with a certified instructor at the arts and crafts center. Call **634-1666**.

**AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING:** Children ages 9 to 18 can bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children must have a card issued by Emery Lanes. All 9-year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Call **634-2290**.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Rock around the clock with C Note, classic to modern rock from 7 p.m. until closing.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Fifty cent hamburgers and hot dogs from 5 to 7 p.m. or until sold-out and variety dance hits from 7 to 11 p.m.

Tuesday

**FOOTBALL FRENZY:** Join the Officers Club at 5 p.m. and root for your favorite NFL team while enjoying complimentary pizza.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Crazy karaoke from 8 to 11 p.m.

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**TAI CHI CHUAN:** For ages 18 years and up from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**HARVEST DINNER MEMBERSHIP NIGHT:** Parents are invited to this special membership night at the Teen Center for a hearty harvest dinner at 4 p.m.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Rock night with DJ Mad Cap from 7 p.m. until closing and win cash prizes at a pool tournament starting at 8 p.m.

Wednesday

**JAPANESE CONVERSATION:** Adults can make friends with Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and language from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**FOAMIES IN ART:** The arts and crafts center is hosting a special class for children ages 3 to 5 years from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Children will create their very own art project with foam shapes. Parent's partic-

## Hammering home the basics of firefighting



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower

**Ninth grader Matt Correia, 14, moves a weight using a sledge hammer as part of a firefighter's obstacle course held at Kadena High School. More than 500 students competed in various tasks such as dressing up in firefighter gear, weaving through cones as groups, and spraying a ball in to a soccer goal using a fire hose.**

### M O V I E S

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

#### Keystone Theater

- ▲ **Today.....** Surviving Christmas, PG-13, 6 p.m. Hero 2004, PG-13, 9 p.m.
- ▲ **Saturday.....** Hero 2004, PG-13, noon  
Wimbeldon, PG-13, 4 p.m.  
Surviving Christmas, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ **Sunday.....** Hero 2004, PG-13, noon  
Surviving Christmas, PG-13, 4 p.m.  
Sky Captain, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ **Monday.....** Wimbeldon, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ **Tuesday.....** Hero 2004, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ **Wednesday..** The Incredibles, PG, 7 p.m.
- ▲ **Thursday....** Ray, PG-13, noon  
Forgotten, PG-13, 4 p.m.  
Sky Captain, PG-13, 7 p.m.

#### Butler Theater

- ▲ **Today.....** Hero 2004, PG-13, 7 p.m.  
Ray, PG-13, 10 p.m.
- ▲ **Saturday....** Sky Captain, PG-13, 1 p.m.  
Hero 2004, PG-13, 4 p.m.  
Ray, PG-13, 7 p.m.  
Wimbeldon, PG-13, 10 p.m.
- ▲ **Sunday.....** Napoleon Dynamite, PG, 1 p.m.  
Sky Captain, PG-13, 4 p.m.  
Hero 2004, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ **Monday.....** Hero 2004, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ **Tuesday.....** Ray, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ **Wednesday..** The Polar Express, G, 7 p.m.
- ▲ **Thursday....** The Polar Express, G, 4 p.m.  
Hero 2004, PG-13, 7 p.m., 10 p.m.

ipation is required for this free class. Call **634-1666**.

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**KID EXPLORERS:** Ages 10 to 15 years can participate in scrapbooking, fun with foamies, earth friendly wood crafts, bead making and more from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the arts and crafts center. Call **634-1666**.

**YOUTH AND TEEN CENTER MEMBERSHIP THANK YOU DINNER:** Join us for turkey and all the trimmings as we give thanks at 4 p.m. at the Kadena Youth Center. Call **634-0500**.

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**CAKE DECORATING:** Cake decorating for beginners with a certified instructor at the arts and crafts center. Call **634-1666**.

**TEA CEREMONY TOUR:** Learn and experience the traditional way of preparing, serving, and drinking tea. Call ITT at **634-**

**4322.**

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by old school music from 8 p.m. until closing.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Rock night Banyan style featuring the best in local rock bands from 8 to 11 p.m.

### Thursday

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY MEAL:** Give thanks and share in the holiday spirit at the Marshall Dining Facility from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call **634-1900**.

**THANKSGIVING BUFFET:** Join the Kadena Officers Club where you can enjoy traditional holiday fixings from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Open to all ranks and services.

**EMERY LANES:** No after school free bowling but the bowling alley will be open regular hours from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Call **634-2290**.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER:** The arts and crafts center

will be closed for Thanksgiving.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Ladies night from 8 p.m. until closing.

### Catholic

- ▲ Monday through Friday: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
- ▲ Saturday: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.  
Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

### Protestant

- ▲ Wednesday: Bible Study, Bldg. 327, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.  
Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.  
Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.  
Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school, Bldg. 326 and Bldg. 327, 10:45 a.m.

- ▲ Hindu service: Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.
- ▲ Eastern Orthodox service: call 645-7486
- ▲ Jewish services: call 637-1027
- ▲ Islamic services: call 636-3219